

Dear Richmond Selectboard Members,

I am Michael Denis, a life scout in Scouts BSA Troop 692, based in Williston. As the time approached to begin considering my eagle project, I began considering problems in my local community that I might make a significant impact by addressing. It has been brought to my attention that here in Richmond, similarly to Williston, many residents are unsure what to do when their American Flags become torn, battered, or weathered. As a resident of Richmond, I see an opportunity to help my neighbors solve this problem in a streamlined, efficient way.

My plan is to build a wooden box, About four feet by two feet by two feet in dimensions, in which flags in need of retiring can be deposited, to be later picked up by SBSA and properly retired. I think the location of this box is best left to you to decide, but if I were to make a suggestion, in front of the town office under some protection from the weather may provide optimal access and visibility. Stylistically my design is flexible as well, but my thought is weatherproof stain in some combination of red, white, and blue, to make the box easily noticeable and identifiable. Fundraising and installation will be 100 percent my responsibility.

Respecting old glory has always been close to my heart, but I fear many people don't understand how to get her into good hands so she can be properly retired. I greatly appreciate your help in making it easy for our community to continue our nation's tradition of respect and dignity.

Thanks,

Michael Scott Denis.